

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the present invention, an apparatus that executes a program employs a GPS signal received by a GPS receiver to examine the location whereat a program is installed and the permitted usage time limit for the program. When the location is outside an allowed usage range, or when the permitted usage time limit has expired, the apparatus terminates the program. Further, an apparatus that permits or inhibits remote accesses examines GPS data received by an apparatus performing a remote access, or information recorded on an optical part of that apparatus, and halts the remote access from a location other than a predetermined location.

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